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Serial No.: **09/944,190** Group Art Unit: **3763**
Filed: **August 31, 2001** Examiner: **Desanto, Matthew F.**
Title: **OBTURATOR AND CANNULA FOR A TROCAR ADAPTED FOR
EASE OF INSERTION AND REMOVAL**

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This Response to Restriction is being submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed September 20, 2002, having a shortened period of reply of 1 month. Since this Response is being filed on or before October 21, 2002, October 20, 2002 being a Sunday, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 21(b), this Response is being timely filed and the payment of extension fees is not required.

The Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments be entered prior to further examination of the above-referenced application.

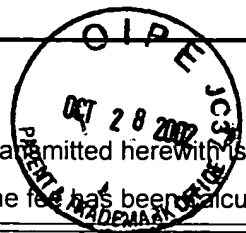
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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